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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2013-18

I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution hereby establish the Juvenile Justice Reform Committee.

The purpose of the committee shall be to undertake a full and thorough study of Oklahoma's juvenile justice system and to recommend improvements to Oklahoma's system, the Oklahoma Juvenile Code in Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes, and any other statutes necessary to accomplish its purpose.

The Juvenile Justice Reform Committee shall consist of twelve (12) appointed members who have experience or an interest in juvenile justice issues including: one member who is a presiding judge of a court having juvenile law jurisdiction; one member who is the Executive Coordinator of the District Attorneys Council, or designee; one member who is the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, or designee; one member who is the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs, or designee; one member who is the Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, or designee; one member representing an Oklahoma nonprofit organization whose membership consists solely of youth services agencies.

All members shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall select the chair who shall then select a vice-chair. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate are also invited to appoint one legislator each to serve as ex-officio members of the task force.

The Oklahoma Juvenile Justice Reform Committee shall conduct a systematic review of the juvenile justice system of Oklahoma; said review shall include consideration of the following issues related to the system's efficiency and effectiveness in protecting the public and habilitating and rehabilitating juveniles:

1. The most efficient organizational and effective programs for the juvenile justice system to accomplish its public safety, treatment and prevention goals including any agency programs which are antiquated or not consistent with best practices;

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2. A review of other state's criminal justice systems, recommendations regarding the restructuring of Oklahoma's management system as well as any potential barriers to restructuring;
3. Oklahoma's recidivism rates and any systemic changes to help decrease this rate including possible use of risk assessments and evaluations at sentencing for every juvenile;
4. Oklahoma's diversion programs including an assessment of whether current programs could be better utilized;
5. National best practices concerning the housing and treatment of juveniles as well as any changes or improvements to Oklahoma's system;
6. Oklahoma's Youthful Offender Act and the most effective system to deal with youthful offenders;
7. All laws and procedures in Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes or other laws affecting the juvenile justice system including the laws relating to youthful offenders, certification and reverse certification of juveniles; and
8. Any fiscal impact associated with the recommendations.

The Oklahoma Juvenile Justice Reform Committee shall prepare a report of its recommendations and any legislative or administrative rule changes necessary to accomplish the recommendations.

The committee shall meet at such times and places as it deems appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation. Administrative support for the committee, including personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the committee, shall be provided by the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs.

All departments, officers, agencies and employees of this state shall cooperate with the Oklahoma Juvenile Justice Reform Committee in carrying out its duties and responsibilities, including providing any information, records and reports as may be requested by the Chair of the committee.

The committee shall report its findings to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2014. This report shall include any recommendations approved by a majority of the members. This committee shall sunset upon issuance of its final report.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Secretary of Safety and Security, who shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 16th day of May, 2013.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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